(d) to what extent, the delays have affected the targets of crude oil production in each project;

(e) when each of the project is likely to be completed and at what cost; and

(f) what steps Government and Oil and Natural Gas Commission have taken for expediting the progress of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) There have been some delays in the case of Panna and the Ravva projects.

(b) The main reasons were the delayed fabrication of platforms and delayed placement of orders by HSL.

(c) to (e) Ravva is likely to be comleted by end 1993, Neelam and Panna by mid 1994 and L-III by end 1994. The estimated costs of these projects are Rs. 158.58 crores, Rs. 3541.85 crores, Rs. 161.12 crores and Rs. 4751.80 crores, respectively. Loss of production at Ravva due to delays is estimated to be around 0.1 MMT.

(f) Close monitoring and review at the senior management level of ONGC.

Off-shore gas fields

4084. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of natural gas available in the off-shore gas fields; and

(b) what is the quantum of natural gas allotted to Gujarat for Power/industrial projects separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) 36 MMSCMD of Natural Gas is currently being produced from the offshore gas fields.

(b) Allocations to the extent of 7.55 MMSCMD and 6.31 MMSCMD have been made respectively to the Power and Industrial sectors in Gujarat.

Production and distribution of gas in Gujarat

4085. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 84 given in Rajya Sabha on 8th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the quantum of non-associated gas produced in Western off-shore region and Western on-shore region (Gujarat) and where this gas is distributed; and details thereof;

(b) whether it is being considered that Western shore gas which is transported through HBJ pipeline may be allotted on temporary basis to gas based Uran power house; and

(c) whether it is possible to stop or control flaring of the gas and spare that gas for Uran power house through adequate compression, dehydration and transportation for gas in the Bombay off-shore region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The current production of non-associated (free) gas from Western offshore and on-shore is 22.81 & 3.02 MMSCMD respectively. The gas from off-shore fields is distributed through Uran and Hazira. The gas from on-shore fields is distributed in Gujarat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The supply to Uran power house is adequate at present.

Observance of CVC on the safety norms of laying pipelines

4086. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission in its inspection report observed that ONGC is quite lax in following the safety norms for laying oil and gas pipelines;

(b) if so, the details of the observations;

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto; and

(d) whether this is also a reason for the pipeline rupture in Bombay High?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Chief Technical Examiner, Central Vigilance Commission, while inspecting the works pertaining to laying of oil & gas pipelines at Gandhar during Nov. 1990 had made certain observations on the quality of work/material and delay in laying of pipelines. These relate to absence of Sand Cushion between the bottom of the pipeline and trench; lack of continuous support to the

pipe at certain places; and lesser thickness of surface coating.

(c) Departmental investigations have been carried out by ONGC with a view to fixing responsibility and for taking corrective action.

(d) No, Sir.

Shortfall in crude oil supplies from Russia

4087. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a considerable shortfall in crude oil supplies from Russia since last year;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) As per Trade protocol between Russia and India for the year 1992, Russia was to supply 4 million tonnes crude oil. However, only 0.212 MMT of crude oil valued at approx. US $ 27.38 million was supplied.

(c) The shortfall in the supplies from Russia is being met from alternative sources.

Opening ONGC regional office in A.P.

4088. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open O.N.G.C. regional office in Andhra Pradesh for effective supervision and liaison;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (c) There is no such proposal with the Ministry. ONGC is already operating in Andhra Pradesh with its project Head Quarters at Rajahmundry. ONGC also has a forward base office at Hyderabad for liaising with the State Government.

Scheme of parallel marketing of Kerosene and LPG by Private Sector

4089. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a scheme of parallel marketing of Kerosene and LPG by Private Sector;

(b) if so, details of the scheme;

(c) what has been the response to the scheme so far; and

(d) what would be the impact of the proposed scheme on pricing and supply of the two petro-products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Under the parallel marketing system, private agencies have been allowed to import Kerosene and LPG using/setting up their own facilities and distribution network for sale of such imported Kerosene and LPG at market determined prices. These items have been decanalised for import.

(c) About 380 entrepreneurs/firms/companies including multinationals have shown interest in parallel marketing of LPG and/or Kerosene. 1800 MT of LPG has already been imported by a private sector company.

(d) The two products under parallel marketing system are not under any price control. However, these products under the public distribution system continue to be marked at controlled prices. The introduction of parallel marketing system is aimed at enhancing the availability of these products.

मिट्टी के तेल के विक्रेताओं द्वारा किया जा रहा कदाचार

4090. श्री गया सिंह: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि सर्कल नं० 36 के अंतर्गत आनेवाले मिट्टी के तेल के विक्रेता जिनका लाइसेंस नं० क्रमशः 1966/79 और 1172/73 है, राशन कार्डधारियों को मिट्टी के तेल से वंचित रखकर धडल्ले से मिट्टी के तेल की कालाबाजारी कर रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह भी जानकारी है कि लाइसेंस नं० 1966/79 के मालिक की "अग्रवाल स्टोर" के नाम से एक परचून की दुकान भी है जिसके लिए वह दो ड्रम मिट्टी का तेल (लगभग 400 लीटर) हर समय अपने मकान में रखता है, जिसे वह अपने परचून के सामान के फुटकर ग्राहकों को 6 रु० प्रति लीटर की दर से बेच दे रहा है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त मिट्टी के तेल का विक्रेता "अग्रवाल स्टोर" नामक अपनी दुकान के उधार रजिस्टर में ऐसे ग्राहकों द्वारा उधार पर लिए गए मिट्टी के तेल का ब्यौरा भी दर्ज